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Applicant : Robert H. Kummer, Jr. et al.
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Total Claims	23	-	20	=	3	X	\$18.00	=	54.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3	=	0	X	\$86.00	=	0.00
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as specified below. Attached please find the following:

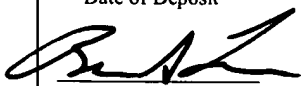
1. Amendments to the Specification (page 2);
2. Amendments to the Claims (pages 3-9); and
3. Remarks (page 10).

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